

1 **REMARKS**

2 In the Office Action dated December 10, 2003, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims
3 25-68 and 98 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement.
4 Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for bringing to her attention the potential confusion resulting
5 from the substitution of "parts by weight" for "% by weight". To avoid even the possibility of confusion,
6 applicant has amended the claims to return to a percentage basis, i.e. 1-30%, 20-60% and 20-60% by
7 weight, as was done in some of the previously proposed claims. These percent ranges are clearly
8 supported by the specification. (See, e.g., p. 29, lines 12-14).

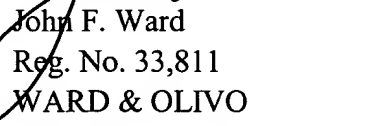
9 Therefore, as is evidenced by the above amendments and remarks, the present application
10 discloses and claims the first aqueous based colorant composition for one-step coloring and highlighting
11 of hair. A composition such as this is neither taught nor suggested anywhere in the prior art.
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13 **CONCLUSION**

14 In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that the present invention represents a
15 patentable contribution to the art and the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable
16 action is accordingly solicited.

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